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FOR: IMAGE-READING DEVICE PERFORMING A WHITE-SHADING CORRECTION BY OBTAINING A PEAK VALUE OF AVERAGE VALUES OF IMAGE DATA READ FROM A REFERENCE-WHITE MEMBER IN BLOCKS AS WHITE-SHADING DATA

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